

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a tangible personal digital key including a first wireless transceiver; and
a device coupled to the personal digital key via a wireless network, the device
including a second wireless transceiver that receives ~~data~~ a first
activation code comprising a user label and an account number from the
personal digital key and a reader/decoder circuit that transmits ~~data~~ the
first activation code received from the tangible personal digital key to a
key provider, the device receiving ~~data~~ digital content marked with an
unlock code associated with the first activation code from a content
provider from the provider and authenticating the data received from the
personal digital key responsive to the key provider authenticating the first
activation code received from the personal digital key and the device
receiving data from the key provider indicating whether the first
activation code is authenticated.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a computer with a computer hard drive and wherein the reader/decoder circuit is located in the computer hard drive.

4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a swipe unit and, the reader/decoder circuit is located in the swipe unit.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a second personal digital key wherein the second digital key includes a third activation code comprising a user label associated with a second user and an account number associated with the second user also authenticates a user attempting to access the device.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the reader/decoder circuit is integrated with the computer.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a computer including a hard drive and wherein the reader/decoder circuit comprises a circuit board coupled to the hard drive.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the wireless network is a secure radio frequency (RF) link between the computer and the personal digital key.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3 wherein the computer transmits and receives data from the key provider through an Internet connection.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the key provider includes a database, wherein the database includes an account identifier and a personal digital key identifier.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the key provider authenticates the ~~data first activation code~~ received from the personal key ~~data transmitted by the personal digital key to the computer is authenticated~~ by personal digital key data stored in the database.

14. (Original) The system of claim 4 wherein the swipe unit transfers and receives data from a provider through an Internet connection.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4 wherein ~~data~~ the first activation code transmitted by the personal digital key to the reader is authenticated by personal digital key data stored in the database.

16-20. (canceled).